(*e*) whether it is not profitable to the Government and more advantageous to the people to appoint those who have passed M. B. B. S. or L. M. S. examination as Sub-Assistant Surgeons, in case they are willing to work on the pay fixed for Sub-Assistant Surgeons; and

(*f*) whether the Government will consider this question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is no rule; but as an established practice such persons are not appointed as Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

(*b*) None.

(*c*) The Government consider that it is not desirable to appoint graduates in medicine as Sub-Assistant Surgeons as the dignity of the profession will suffer by it, as it will, in course of time, cause discontent among the persons so appointed and as it will shut out men with L. M. P. qualifications from such posts.

(*d*) Mr. M. Mammen, M. B. B. S.

(*e*) and (*f*) In view of the answer to part (*c*) these do not arise.

Dissolution of Co-operative Societies.

230. **MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many co-operative societies in the State have been dissolved since the starting of the Co-operative Department in the State;

(*b*) how many of these are communal societies and how many non-communal ones;

(*c*) whether they will lay on the table a statement showing the assets and liabilities of those societies dissolved till now (19-11-1104); and

(*d*) how many of such societies have been till now (19-11-1104) ordered to be wound up in spite of making satisfactory statements regarding their assets and liabilities?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 94.

(*b*) 40 are communal and 54 are non-communal societies.

(*c*) The statement of assets and liabilities of 68 societies under liquidation in 1103 is given in the Annual Report of the Department for that year. Figures regarding 26 societies cancelled in 1104 would be available only when figures for the next Annual Report are totalled up.

(*d*) No societies have been ordered to be wound up on the sole ground of failure to make satisfactory statement of assets and liabilities.

The District Hospitals at Quilon and Alleppey.

231. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the number of hands in the menial and nursing staff of the Alleppey and Quilon District Hospitals bears the same proportion to the number of patients in each; and

(*b*) if not, the cause for such variation?

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